

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
U. S. PATENT APPLICATION**

---

As the inventor named below, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the inventions entitled

**AN ENHANCED DRYER-CLEANER COMBINATION AND PROCESS FOR COTTON GINS**

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

---

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or 365 (b) of any foreign applications(s) for a patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **None**.

Prior Foreign Applications (s) (if any)

| Number | Country | Foreign Filing Date<br>Dy, Mo, Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>Priority Claimed | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br>Certified Copy Attached |
|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <hr/>  |         |                                     |  |   |

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| Application Number(s) | Filing Date |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| <u>None</u>           | _____       |

---

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or 365 (c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. **None**.

| Application Serial Number | Filing Date | Prior Patent Number |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                           |             |                     |
|                           |             |                     |

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

| Address communications to                                   | Reg. No. | Telephone No. |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Dorsey L. Baker, 4603 Eleventh Street, Lubbock, Texas 79416 | 24,888   | 806 792-5868  |

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

| Name of First Inventor |                              |       |       |                        |    |               |       |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|----|---------------|-------|
| First Name and M I     |                              |       |       | Family Name or Surname |    |               |       |
| L. Todd                |                              |       |       | Ramsey                 |    |               |       |
| Inventor's Signature   | <i>L. Todd Ramsey</i>        |       |       |                        |    | Date: 1-31-01 |       |
| Residence: City        | Lubbock                      | State | Texas | Country                | US | Citizenship   | US    |
| Post Office Address    | 5233 88 <sup>th</sup> Street |       |       |                        |    |               |       |
| City                   | Lubbock                      | State | Texas | Country                | US | Zip           | 79424 |

| Name of Second Inventor |                          |       |       |                        |       |               |            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|---------------|------------|
| First Name and M I      |                          |       |       | Family Name or Surname |       |               |            |
| Randal D.               |                          |       |       | Drennan                |       |               |            |
| Inventor's Signature    | <i>Randal D. Drennan</i> |       |       |                        |       | Date: 1-31-01 |            |
| Residence: City         | Lubbock                  | State | Texas | Country                | US    | Citizenship   | US         |
| Post Office Address     | 8608 Vicksburg Avenue    |       |       |                        |       |               |            |
| City                    | Lubbock                  | State | Texas | Country                | Texas | Zip           | 79424-4013 |

Applicant or Patentee: L. Todd Ramsey and Randal D. Drennan  
Serial No. or Patent No.:  
Filed or Issued:  
Title:

**AN ENHANCED DRYER-CLEANER COMBINATION AND PROCESS FOR COTTON GINS**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- ☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Kimbell Gin Machinery Company.  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 226 NE Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas 79403

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled **AN ENHANCED DRYER-CLEANER COMBINATION AND PROCESS FOR COTTON GINS** and described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
- ☐ application serial no. , filed .
- ☐ patent no , issued .

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e)

- ☐ Each person, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below:
- NAME:  
ADDRESS:  
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

☒ No such person, concern, or organization exists.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: L. Todd Ramsey  
TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER: General Manager, Kimbell Gin Machinery Co  
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING: 5233 88<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Tx 79424

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 1-31-01